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NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INTERROGATORY TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS THOMAS W. HARAHUSH (NAA/USPS-T5-1-3) October 23, 2001

The Newspaper Association of America hereby submits the attached interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Thomas W. Harahush (NAA/USPS-T5-1-3) and respectfully requests a timely and full response under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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NAA/USPS-T5-1. Please refer to your testimony at Page 4, lines 13-14. Are the "randomly selected routes" sampled during each quarter the same routes from quarter to quarter, or does the random selection occur on a quarterly basis? Please explain your answer.

NAA/USPS-T5-2: Please refer to your testimony at Page 4, lines 16-17. When data are recorded at a stop, is the determination of class of mail done solely by the person entering the data, or does a process exist by which a more centralized authority can review or correct the classification?

NAA/USPS-T5-3: Please refer to your testimony at Page 10, Table 10. Is it a correct reading of this Table 2 that for FY2000:

- a. Standard commercial flats are estimated to comprise 70.59 percent, subject to the CV, of the flat mail volume at SDR stops? or
- b. 70.50 percent of the SDR stops that received flat mail, received one or more Standard commercial flats?

In other words, is Table 2 an indication of volume at type of stop, or of proportions of stops receiving one or more types of pieces? Please explain your answer.